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1. [redacted] Talked several times throughout the day with Jim Oliver, OMB, and he said that the decision of whether there would be a statement by the President, in connection with the intelligence activities provision of the Foreign Assistance Act, would be determined within OMB and that there is resistance to such a statement in view of the legislative history recognizing the need for security protection of the information to be reported to the Congress. I again pointed out the absence of Executive procedures and Oliver said that a shorter statement for the President would increase its prospects for inclusion in OMB's recommendations. I agreed a statement along the following lines would be helpful. He suggested a shorter statement, which except for some slight modifications, was agreed to and Oliver said he would push the following: "The bill adds a new section 662 to the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 which requires reports to committees of the Congress on the scope and description of certain activities of the Central Intelligence Agency. Because of the sensitivity of such information as recognized by the Congress in the National Security Act of 1947, I trust the Congress will establish procedures to assure maximum security of the information provided."

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2. [redacted] Called Bill Esponisa, OGC/AID, to advise him that the Director had sent a letter to the President on the Foreign Assistance bill and after discussing its contents, he said it would cause them no problem.

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3. [redacted] NSC staff, called regarding the Director's 18 December 1974 letter to the President on the Foreign Assistance bill and said it is now on General Brent Scowcroft's, Deputy Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, desk and he will change the section number from 27 to 32, a change accomplished in conference. In response to his request, I gave [redacted] a brief run down on our understanding of who is doing what on the Director's recommendation and stressed that we had been urged by the NSC staff to send the letter directly to the White House and this made sense to us since the only real support we appeared to be meeting for our position was within the NSC staff, although it no doubt is confusing when a number of staffs, NSC, OMB, legislative, are working on the same problem.

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25X1 4. [] Received a call from Sandy, House Appropriations Committee staff, who wanted to know if Representative Clarence D. Long (D., Md.) had been in attendance at the 16 January 1973 DCI briefing of the Defense and Military Construction Subcommittees, House Appropriations Committee. I called later and told Marsha Matts, also on the staff of the Committee, that Representative Long was in attendance at this briefing and if Sandy needed any further information, not to hesitate in calling us.

25X1 5. [] Received a call from Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, saying that he needed to talk to Mr. Colby immediately. I told him that the Director was in a USIB meeting but that I would get a message to him as soon as possible.
25X1 [] was notified.

25X1 6. [] Mr. Thuermer's, Assistant to the Director, office passed on a message from Wendy Froehlich, in the office of Representative Otis Pike, requesting employment applications and brochures. We will follow up on this.

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25X1 7. [] In response to a message left with the Director's office, [] and I met with Chairman George Mahon, House Appropriations Committee, and provided him with some unclassified material which [] had prepared on major developments worldwide. Mahon said he would go over the material when he had an opportunity next week and be back in touch with us if anything further was needed.

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